

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ERIC JAZMINE VAIFANUA,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:20-cr-00083-TMB-DMS

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY**

Upon Defendant's request to enter a guilty plea to Count 1 of the Indictment: Felon in Possession of Ammunition, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter was referred to the Magistrate Judge by the District Court, with the written and oral consents of Defendant, counsel for Defendant, and counsel for the United States.

Thereafter, the matter came on for a hearing on Defendant's guilty plea, in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge, in open court and on the record.

In consideration of that hearing and the allocution made by the Defendant under oath, on the record, in the presence of counsel, and the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney,

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A. I make the following FINDINGS – that the Defendant understands:

1. That any false statements made by the Defendant under oath may later be used against him in a prosecution for perjury;
2. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty;
3. The nature of the charges against him;
4. The maximum possible sentence, including imprisonment, fine, and the effect of the supervised release term;
5. Any applicable mandatory minimum penalty;
6. The Court's authority to order restitution;
7. The Court's obligation to impose a special assessment;
8. Any applicable forfeiture;
9. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury;
10. The right to be represented by counsel – and if necessary, to have the Court appoint counsel at trial, and at every other stage of the proceedings;
11. The right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to be protected from compelled self-incrimination, to testify and present evidence, and to compel the attendance of witnesses;
12. The Defendant's waiver of trial rights if the Court accepts a guilty plea or nolo contendere;

13. That he knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waived his right to appeal or collaterally attack his conviction and any sentence imposed if it is within the range contemplated by the plea agreement; and
14. That in determining a sentence, the Court's obligation to calculate the applicable sentencing guideline range and to consider that range pursuant to the Sentencing Guidelines promulgated by the United States Sentencing Commission, possible departures under the Sentencing Guidelines, and variances under 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

B. I further FIND that:

1. The Defendant is competent to enter a plea;
2. That the plea of guilty by the Defendant has been knowingly and voluntarily made and is not the result of force, threats, or coercion;
3. Any agreements or promises which induced the plea of guilty are set forth in the written plea agreement or on the record; and
4. That there is a sufficient factual basis for the Defendant's plea and the factual basis is in conformity with *Rehaif v. United States*, 139 S.Ct. 2191 (2019).

C. I RECOMMEND that the District Court accept the Defendant's plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment: Felon in Possession of Ammunition, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). The parties agree that any sentence of imprisonment shall run concurrently to the anticipated term of imprisonment in

Alaska Superior Court case 3AN-20-05503CR. **I FURTHER RECOMMEND** the District Court vacate the Final Pretrial Conference date and Trial by Jury Date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

D. A Presentence Report be prepared.

1. Any objection(s) to the presentence report shall be filed no later than fourteen (14) days after receiving the presentence report pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32(f)(1);
2. Any sentencing memorandum shall be filed no later than seven (7) business days prior to sentencing pursuant to D.Ak. L.Cr.R. 32.1(d).

The sentencing hearing will be held before United States District Judge Timothy M. Burgess on **December 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Anchorage Courtroom 1**. The Court excludes time from August 23, 2021 until the time of sentencing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(1)(G) on the ground that the District Judge will be considering the proposed plea agreement.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2021, at Anchorage, Alaska.

s/ Deborah M. Smith
Deborah M. Smith
CHIEF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This Report and Recommendation is being issued as a Final Report and Recommendation. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim P. 59(b)(3), any objections will be considered by the District Court Judge who will accept, reject, or modify the recommendation following de novo review. Any objections must be filed within **seven (7) days** from the date of service of this Report and Recommendation. Fed. R. Crim P. 59(b)(2) and D. Ak. L.M.R. 6(a) authorizes the Court to alter the standard objection deadlines.

Reports and recommendations are not appealable orders. Any notice of appeal pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1) should not be filed until entry of the District Court's judgment. *See Hilliard v. Kincheloe*, 796 F.2d 308 (9th Cir. 1986).